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SUBJ: STUDY ON USE OF WARNING TIME

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF DECISION SHEET AC/295-DS(75)4
DATED 2 OCTOBER 1975 FROM THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON THE
USE OF WARNING TIME SEPTEMBER 29, 1975 MEETING.
BEGIN TEXT:

I. APPROVAL OF THE DECISION SHEET OF THE LAST MEETING (UNCLASSI-
FIED)

DOCUMENT: AC/295-DS(75)3, DATED 15TH JULY, 1975

1. THE JOINT WORKING GROUP:

APPROVED THE DECISION SHEET OF ITS LAST MEETING.

II. STUDY ON THE USE OF WARNING TIME

REFERENCE: AC/295-DS(75)3, PARAGRAPH 2(B)

2. THE JOING WORKING GROUP:

(A) AGREED THAT:

(I) NATIONS THAT HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO WOULD CIRCULATE

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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP A LIST OF MEASURES
WHICH THEY CONSIDER COULD BE TAKEN AT AN EARLY STAGE TO
FACILITATE THE LATER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATO ALERT
SYSTEM OR NATO CONTINGENCY PLANS;

(II) NATIONS WILL AT THE SAME TIME SUBMIT A LIST OF QUESTIONS WHICH THEY WOULD WISH TO HAVE APPLIED AGAINST ALL MEASURES SUBMITTED;

(III) THE WORKING GROUP STAFF WOULD FORWARD TO EACH MEMBER A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF MEASURES AND QUESTIONS THAT WOULD BE EXAMINED BY NATIONS AND DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING;

(IV) NATIONS WOULD CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE THAT CERTAIN MEASURES WITHIN THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM SHOULD BE EXAMINED TO DETERMINE THE TIME NECESSARY FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION IN RELATION TO THE VARIOUS DEGREES OF WARNING TIME THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED NATO INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS;

(B) TOOK NOTE OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENCE PLANNING AND POLICY TO THE EFFECT THAT:-

(I) THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STUDY, AS INTERPRETED BY SOME COUNTRIES, APPEARED TO CALL FOR ACTIONS WHICH EITHER DUPLICATED OR PARALLELED THE EXISTING NATO ALERT SYSTEM;

(II) ON THE OTHER HAND, PREPARATION MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN ON A PURELY NATIONAL BASIS MIGHT NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE STUDY BY A NATO BODY;

(III) NO STUDY OF ANY VALUE COULD BE UNDERTAKEN EXCEPT IN RELATION TO ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE NATURE, LOCATION AND URGENCY OF THE DEVELOPING SITUATION WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY THE UNDERTAKING OF PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BY NATO;

(IV) THE PROPOSAL BY THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE WAS A VALUABLE ONE. THE DIFFICULTY WAS THAT THE 1975 ASSESSMENT OF AVAILABLE WARNING TIME PROVIDED A LESS DEFINITE CRITERION AGAINST WHICH TO JUDGE THE PRACTICALITY OF PLANNED PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES THAN THAT CONTAINED IN MC 161/74;

(V) UNLESS DELEGATIONS WERE WILLING TO PURSUE THE SUGGESTION MADE BY SHAPE THE RIGHT COURSE MIGHT BE TO REPORT TO THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE GROUP SAW NO WAY IN WHICH TO CONDUCT A FRUITFUL STUDY ON THE LINES SUGGESTED.

III. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
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3. THE JOINING WORKING GROUP:
AGREED TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING IN FOUR WEEKS TIME.
END TEXT.STREATOR

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